



# Foreign Rights

## Highlights

### Autumn 2024

## Regina Denk



Regina Denk was born in 1981 on the Bavarian-Austrian border. Her love of books and writing has accompanied her throughout her life. From studying literature in Munich, to the other side of the world and back home again, near Munich, where she lives today. She publishes entertainment ranging from thrillers to science fiction under several pseudonyms, while under her real name she devotes herself to more serious material. As a publishing consultant, she advises publishers, authors and artists from the initial idea to the finished book. From time to time, she "lends" her voice to special people and their messages as a ghostwriter.

### Upmarket, Strong Woman, Historical Fiction



#### Regina Denk *Where the Eagle Soars*

Droemer Verlag, September 2024  
448 p.

#### *Where the Eagle Soars*

In a world where freedom belongs to men, a woman takes what is rightfully hers.

Highly suspenseful and very atmospheric, the novel *Where the Eagle Soars* tells of life in a remote village: a young woman defies the patriarchal order and leaves the protection of the community in order to be truly free.

A remote valley in the Tyrolean Alps at the end of the 19th century. The life of privation in her village, forgotten by the Enlightenment and progress, has made 18-year-old Theres tough - but also courageous, proud and strong.

When the mysterious Xaver appears in the valley, Theres falls in love with the stranger, who everyone else soon mistakes for a poacher. On a stormy night, the farmers try to set a trap for the poacher, but the masked man escapes badly injured. The next day, Xaver has also disappeared without a trace. Outraged, Theres announces that she is carrying Xaver's child under her heart and flees to the wild solitude of the high Alps. There she wants to bring up her illegitimate daughter in freedom and live off what the mountains give her.

She spends her life together with her daughter in her homeland, which never fully takes her in, but also never lets her go, until her desire for freedom, self-determination and love jeopardises more than just her life ...

Exciting popular literature with linguistic sophistication, psychological depth and strong female characters. With her vivid and authentic writing, Regina Denk lets a film pass before the reader's inner eye.

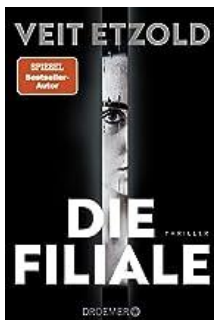
## Veit Etzold



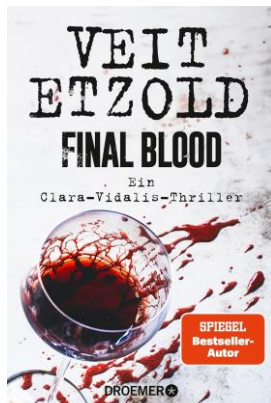
Veit Etzold was born in Bremen in 1973. He pursued studies in English language and literature, art history, media science and general management in Oldenburg, London and Barcelona. In 2005, he received his doctorate on the motion picture *Matrix*. During and after his studies, he worked for media groups, banks, in management consulting and in management education.

Today, Veit Etzold is a sought-after keynote speaker and one of the leading German-language authors of political thrillers. In addition to his four successful bestselling political thrillers *Todesdeal*, *Dark Web*, *Staatsfeind* and *Final Control*, he writes the investigative thriller series about the profiler Clara Vidalis as well as non-fiction books on economics and strategy. Veit Etzold lives and works in Berlin.

Veit Etzold's thriller series from the depths of the financial world:



## Bestselling Thriller Series



### Veit Etzold *Final Blood* Clara-Vidalis series Vol. 9

Droemer Knauer, September 2024  
320 p.

#### *Final Blood*

Mercilessly thrilling: The Clara Vidalis series by bestselling author Veit Etzold offers hard-hitting thrills with action fit for Hollywood.

A dead prime minister and a bloody TikTok video:

A luxury hotel in Berlin becomes the scene of a bestial murder: a prime minister and his family lie dead in their suite.

Patho-psychologist Clara Vidalis and her team from the LKA are confronted with a picture of horror. Apparently the victims were mutilated post-mortem and strange marks are found carved into their skin. As if that wasn't enough, there are wine glasses filled with blood on the dining table in the suite. Shortly afterwards, a video appears on TikTok that was apparently recorded directly after the crime. It shows the hotel room and a masked man drinking from a wine glass filled with red liquid.

Clara and the investigators are puzzled: Is this man a contract killer, a psychopath or both? Little do they realise that his true motive and goal are a thousand times worse.

### The Clara Vidalis Series – A series of unique success



## Sebastian Fitzek



Sebastian Fitzek is THE most successful German bestselling author, whose works have sold more than 19 million copies and have been published in more than 37 countries. He began his career in radio, later studying law and gaining a doctorate in copyright law. In 2006, he published his first psychological thriller *Therapy*, which became a bestseller, as did all subsequent books. Between 2014 and 2021, Sebastian Fitzek was the most successful German author of the year six times. In 2023, his books *The Invitation* and *Parent's Eye* were the best-selling books of the year. Many of his books have been successfully adapted for film and television series, such as *Therapy* (Prime Video) as a six-part mini-series, which was a TOP 10 hit in seventeen countries for several weeks. Also, many of his works have been the subject of several theater adaptations, including *Soulbreaker*, *Therapy* and *Passenger 23*. Sebastian Fitzek has twice been nominated for the Gläuser Prize and has been awarded the Golden Lovelybooks Readers' Prize several times. He also received the Hörkules and won the European Prize for Crime Literature in 2016. He is an ambassador for the German Child Protection Association and patron of the association Das frühgeborene Kind e.V. Fitzek was born in Berlin in 1971. He lives with his family in Berlin..

## Foreign Rights Highlight

**The Bestseller *The Calendar Killer* by Sebastian Fitzek as an Amazon Prime film in early Q1/2025.**



*The Calendar Killer* will be internationally and exclusively available on Prime Video in early Q1/ 2025- *The Calendar Killer* was produced by Ziegler Film.

Ziegler Film enjoys a high reputation in the international film world and is responsible for numerous successes in film and television.

*The Calendar Killer* has already been sold to: Czech Republic (Anag), Slovakia (Tatran), Poland (Amber), Greece (Dioptra), Romania (Lebada Neagra), Macedonia (Sakam Knjigi), The Netherlands (The House of Books), Taiwan (Business Weekly), France (L'Archipel), Slovenia (Učila), Spain (Penguin Random House), Lithuania (Jotema), UK (Head of Zeus), Sweden (Bokförlaget Forum), Finland (Bazar), Italy (Fazi), Croatia (Mozaik), Ukraine (Vivat)

Direct entry at #1 of the official German Bestseller list (for 11 weeks), 141 weeks in total on the list (HC, PB top 50)

## International Bestselling Thriller



### Sebastian Fitzek *Candle Girl*

Droemer Knaur, October 2024

400 p.

English translation available from mid-September

#### *Candle Girl*

Dark and absolutely nerve-wracking, Sebastian Fitzek's multi-layered psychological thriller *Candle Girl* provides creepy suspense on three-time levels. Pure thrills from the #1 bestselling author! What if death is your only chance to survive?

Eleven years ago, Alma was given up for adoption as a baby under mysterious circumstances. Her adoption file, which is kept strictly under lock and key, contains the note: 'The identity of the parents must not be revealed under any circumstances! Mother is in mortal danger!!!' But now Alma has a life-threatening illness and urgently needs a bone marrow donor.

To save the life of her adopted daughter, Olivia Rauch begins a desperate search for her biological parents. In the process, the psychologist specialising in violent crime comes across the legend of the 'Calendar Girl': a young woman who once withdrew to a secluded cottage in the Franconian Forest at Christmas time. And who was haunted there by a psychopath who forced her to open an Advent calendar of horror ...

Selection of Fitzek's Bestsellers:



## Markus Heitz



Markus Heitz, born in 1971, studied German Philology and History. With his series *The Dwarves*, he achieved a national and international breakthrough; the books were translated into numerous languages and spent weeks on the bestseller lists. His fantasy novels were joined by successful thrillers about werewolves, vampires, soul walkers and other dark figures of (urban) fantasy. He has now written over 60 novels, which have been translated into 17 languages – his name being on the bestseller lists without interruption for years. Markus Heitz has received many awards, including being the only German author to have won the German Fantasy Award eleven times, which is why he is quite rightly considered the grand master of German fantasy. He lives in Homburg, Saarland

Fantasy at its best: The seven-part bestseller series from Markus Heitz *The Dwarves*. Volume 5 to 7 rights through AVA



## High Fantasy Storyverse



### Markus Heitz *The Legends of the Albae* *Dark Legacy* Volume 5

Knaur, August 2024  
512 p.

#### *The Legends of the Albae - Dark Legacy*

A dark, relentless race with a sense of art and poetry tells a new chapter of the Hidden Land: The Albae, the dreaded Dark Elves, are far from defeated. A legend that is as bloody as it is fascinating, continued by Markus Heitz.

follows three characters on their adventures in three very different places.

In Dsôn Khamateion, the lost realm of the Albae, artist Amânoras wants to secretly honour the dead Albae with monuments in the ruins and calm their restless spirits. When dwarves discover him, it is suddenly not only his own life that is at stake. Soon he has to decide: What is the price of art?

In Brandenwall, Albae, who follow ancient traditions, live secretly among the humans and harbour their own plans for the future of the Hidden Land. But when a dwarf appears who has set himself the goal of tracking down the dark elves, the various houses of the Albae must find a solution together. But they are caught up in their power games, and young Albin Sajütoria is caught in the middle. Against her will. What can she do?

Then there is the scheming Elf Telinâs, who is pursuing his very own goals. He seems to know exactly how to control the Albae's legacy. But then things get surprisingly out of hand. How can he save himself?

#### *The Legends of the Albae* Volume 1 to 4 and *The Forgotten Paper Stories*:

Sold to: The Netherlands (Uitgeverij Luitingh-Sijthoff), Czech Republic (Fantom Print), UK (Quercus Editions under the Jo Fletcher Books Imprint Carmelite House)  
and Volume 1 to 3 to Czech Republic (Fantom Print), Italy (Editrice Nord) as well





## Oliver Kalkofe



After studying 'Journalism and German Studies', Oliver Kalkofe began his career in 1991 at the radio station ffn with the cult format Frühstyxradio. He quickly became one of the best-known audiobook and dubbing voices in Germany thanks to his versatile vocal talent and has lent his voice to countless film and television characters. Oliver Kalkofe's passion for film led him to write the screenplays for the successful cinema films 'Der Wixxer' and 'Neues vom Wixxer', in which he also played a leading role himself.

In his Grimme Award-winning programme 'Kalkofes Mattscheibe', he has been showing the most absurd scenes on German television for almost 30 years and satirising them in his own special humorous way.

In addition to 'SchleFaZ', his satirical cult programme about the 'worst films of all time', he has been writing his own TV column for over two decades.

Oliver Kalkofe is married and lives with his family in Berlin.

## Humor – Nonfiction



### Oliver Kalkofe

#### *Victory of Stupidity*

#### *Can sanity still be saved?*

A bitter social criticism from satirist and comedian Oliver Kalkofe

Knaur, November 2024  
272 p.

#### *Victory of Stupidity - Can sanity still be saved?*

'If we are not careful, we will increasingly become a nation of frustrated angry citizens, because people are simply annoyed, for whatever reason.' Oliver Kalkofe

A wake-up call to the sensible - from popular comedian Oliver Kalkofe

If you turn on the television, look around a school playground or open a newspaper, you might think that common sense has gone on holiday for the time being. A plate of maggots is eaten in the jungle camp, the most common career aspiration of eleven-year-olds is no longer train driver but influencer, and neo-Nazis win votes in state elections with the help of silly TikTok videos.

Political satire and social criticism at its best

Satirist and media critic Oliver Kalkofe wonders how this madness has become the new normal. Do we need to be redeemed from ourselves or is it enough to leave the stupid ones on the right? This book is a bitterly angry reckoning and at the same time a hopeful wake-up call to the silent majority. A wake-up call to all those who may not be fluent in gender or woke, but who also no longer want to watch right-wing agitators and tasteless underdogs continue to speak out.

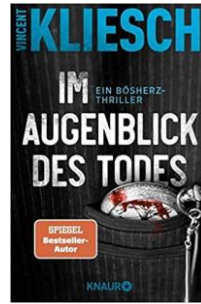
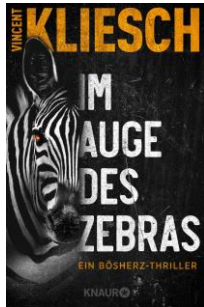
## Vincent Kliesch

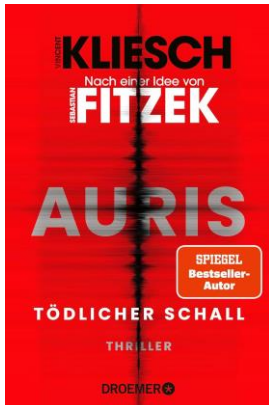


Vincent Kliesch was born in Berlin-Zehlendorf, where he still lives today. In 2010, he launched his first successful thriller series with the bestseller *Die Reinheit des Todes* (*The Purity of Death*), followed by others. Vincent Kliesch wrote the *Auris* series about the forensic phonetician Matthias Hegel based on an idea by his friend Sebastian Fitzek, which has been published in 11 countries and has sold over a million copies to date.

Vincent Kliesch received a gold disc for the radio plays for volumes 1 and 2 of the *Auris* series, and the first two volumes of the series were also filmed by RTL+ with a top-class cast.

### The Boesherz Thriller Series – Olivia Holzmann investigate



**(Thriller)**

**Vincent Kliesch**  
*Auris - Deadly Sound*

**based on an idea by Sebastian Fitzek**  
Jula und Hegel-Thriller Volume 5

Droemer Knauer, July 2024  
320 p.  
Direct entry #2 in the Spiegel bestseller list

*Auris - Deadly Sound*

The fifth stroke of genius from bestselling duo Vincent Kliesch & Sebastian Fitzek!

In the 5th thriller of the AURIS series, a psychopathic colleague with absolute hearing hunts down forensic phonetician Matthias Hegel: the man who hears crime and the tenacious true-crime podcaster Jula Ansorge have to work together once again.

No one can hear it except him: On the train to Berlin, the brilliant forensic phonetician Matthias Hegel is the only one to perceive a cacophony of sounds that can only mean one thing - a challenge from an opponent who is at least his equal! In fact, it is Veith Vries, a former student friend and brilliant colleague, who became Hegel's bitter enemy years ago. Now Vries has nothing left to lose and only one goal: to take from Hegel what is most important to him.

While Hegel has to use all his phonetics skills to fight his way through a course full of deadly puzzles and traps, Vries plans an acoustic attack that will make him go down in history ..

In the thriller series *Auris* by Vincent Kliesch and Sebastian Fitzek, Jula Ansorge and Matthias Hegel must find the truth that only the dead woman herself seems to know.

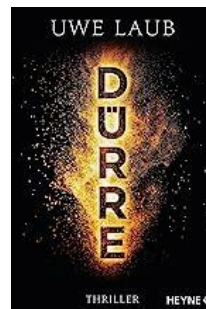
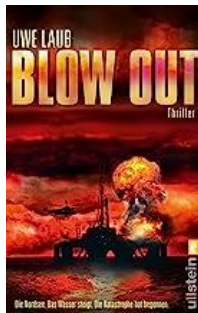
*Auris* sold to: Greece (Livanis, Slovenia (Ucila), Macedonia (Sakam Knigi), Turkey (Pegasus), Slovakia (Tatran), Poland (Amber), Czech Republic (Anag)



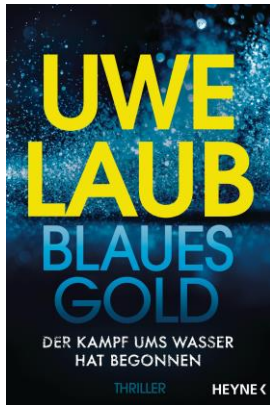
## Uwe Laub



Uwe Laub was born in 1971 in Timișoara/Romania. He was two years old when his parents returned to Germany with him. After an apprenticeship as a banker, he first worked as a stock trader at the German Futures Exchange and then for several years in the sales force of his parents' pharmaceutical company. Since 2010, he has been running the company himself. In 2013, his eco-thriller *Blow out* was published, which became a surprise success and even received notice on German television. In 2018, the novel *Sturm* followed, which also became a bestseller and thrilled audiences in numerous readings across Germany. Since then, Uwe Laub has published two more top-class thrillers, *Leben* und *Dürre*. He lives with his wife and his Labrador "Marley" in Munich and Fort Myers/USA.



- *Sturm* has already been sold to US (Clevobooks) and Estonia (Ühinened Ajakirjad)



**Uwe Laub**  
*Blue Gold*

Heyne, 13.03.2024  
480 p.

**Thriller**

***Blue Gold***

The battle for water has begun

Billionaire Ethan Holloway is close to achieving his goal. His company Sharpwater has built the gigantic production platform "Greifswald" off the German Baltic Sea coast. It is intended to tap freshwater deposits discovered under the seabed. In times of global warming and drought, these aquifers, which are available worldwide, could be the solution to one of humanity's most pressing problems. But the ceremonial opening of the Greifswald turns into a nightmare when a mysterious stranger hijacks the platform with the help of a mercenary force. His ultimatum: the drinking water must be communalised, otherwise the platform and all the prominent hostages on it will be blown up.

The battle for blue gold has begun!

## Ursula Poznanski



Ursula Poznanski was born in Vienna and spent ten years studying all sorts of subjects at the university there, before abandoning all hope of getting a degree and getting to grips with real life as a medical journalist. After her son was born, she started writing books for young readers. Her first book, *Erebos*, won numerous prizes (including the German Children's Literature Prize awarded by the Youth Jury), and made her famous around the world. Since then, her name can be found on the bestseller list without interruption. In the meantime, she has become one of Germany's most successful authors, rights to Ursula Poznanski books have been sold to more than 33 countries. She and her family live to the south of Vienna.

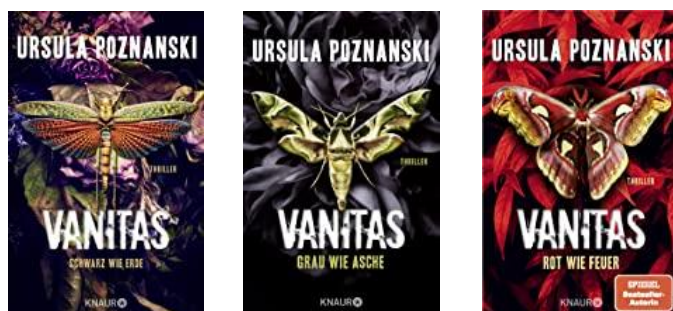
- More than 36.400 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,4 stars
- More than 18.900 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 86.000 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 4,0 stars
  
- *"Ursula Poznanski takes you on a frightening journey."* **Karin Slaughter, US-American Author**
- *"A riveting mystery...The suspense builds until the shocking climax."* **American specialised journal (Publishers Weekly)**

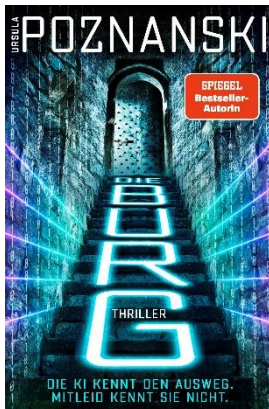
### The Murder Group Volume 1 and 2



### The Vanitas Series Volume 1 to 3 – English translation of Volume 1 available

*Vanitas Black as Earth* has already been sold to Turkey (Pegasus), Czech Republic (Euromedia):





## High Concept Thriller

### Ursula Poznanski *The Castle*

Droemer Knaur, February 2024

400 p.

Direct entry #2 in the Spiegel bestseller list

#### *The Castle*

Welcome to a murderous escape game: the AI thriller *The Castle* by bestselling author Ursula Poznanski combines a medieval atmosphere with a cutting-edge AI scenario to create thrills that will leave you breathless!

It literally cost him an enormous amount of money - but billionaire Nevio didn't just have the half-ruined Greiffenau Castle repaired: The underground secret passages, crypts and dungeons have been converted into a unique escape world using state-of-the-art technology. Artificial intelligence ensures that the game is customised for each group of visitors. Whether medieval fortress, vampire castle or fantasy world - Greiffenau Castle can be anything the players want it to be. To test his grandiose creation, Nevio invites a colourful group of experts. Nobody realises that the AI has long since decided to play its own game. And there is no happy ending in sight.

What happens when an AI decides your fate - in a way that no one can predict? Ursula Poznanski's AI thriller is full of twists and turns and highly suspenseful, with scenarios that are very much in tune with the times.

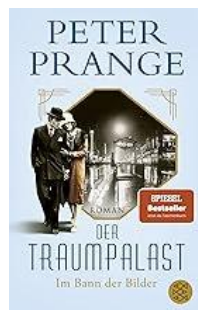
## Peter Prange



With a total of more than 3 million copies sold, Peter Prange is regarded as a star among authors writing in German. His international success is also remarkable, as his novels and nonfiction books have been sold in 24 countries. Besides that, he already has successful film versions of his books to his name, such as *The Amber Amulet* which was broadcasted in two parts by German public broadcaster ARD.

With his brilliantly researched modern historical novels such as *Wonderful Years* (also as TV series) and *A German Family in War and Peace*, the multiple bestselling author Peter Prange has risen to the highest form of narrative.

Selection of bestsellers by Peter Prange:





## Upmarket Historical Novel European History



### **Peter Prange** *Glorious Times* *The Sky Strikers*

Fischer Verlag, October 2024  
672 p.

#### ***Glorious Times - The Sky Strikers***

The great duology at the turn of the century: astonishingly topical, atmospherically dense.  
A story of love and friendship across all borders. In a Europe that once existed before it destroyed itself.

Carlsbad, 1871: the time of war seems to be over forever, guests from all over Europe meet in the Bohemian spa town. They include Vicky, the daughter of a London industrialist family who wants to tunnel under the English Channel to connect England with the continent; Paul, a Berlin engineer who hopes to be involved in the construction of a boulevard called Kurfürstendamm; and Auguste Escoffier, a budding master chef from Paris whose name is to become the epitome of French cookery.

United in the belief that glorious times are dawning, the three throw themselves into life and love. Inspired by big dreams, they have no idea that Europe will soon be hit by upheavals that threaten not only peace, but also their personal happiness.

## Charlotte Roth

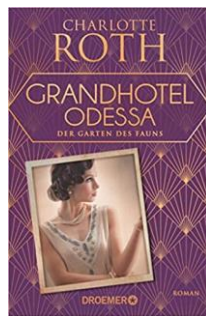
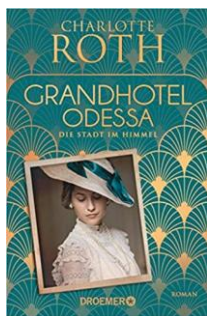


Charlotte Roth would have loved to be a film director. Instead, she sits at her desk translating, editing and imagining films out of words. She lives in the one and only London with her fortunately ever-growing family, travels the world, maintains second homes in the Gulf of Naples and at the British Film Institute and keeps a suitcase in her native Berlin.

Charlotte Roth and Claudia Ley are the pseudonyms of bestselling author Charlotte Lyne.

Selection of novels by bestselling author Charlotte Roth

*Als wir unsterblich waren* has already been sold to Italy (Sperling & Kupfer)





## Upmarket Historical Novel Based on a true story

### Charlotte Roth *The Stauffenbergs* A great love in times of war

Droemer Verlag, July.2024  
416 p.

### *The Stauffenbergs*

The true story of the Stauffenbergs' great love.

In her historical novel, bestselling author Charlotte Roth tells one of the most beautiful and saddest love stories that life has ever written: a story of decency and courage, and of hope in the midst of the deepest despair during the Second World War.

She is the daughter of the Franconian consul general and a Baltic baroness. He is the youngest scion of a Swabian noble family with a promising military career. When Nina and Claus von Stauffenberg meet at a ball in 1929, they are young people in love on their way to a fairytale life.

However, the course of history takes a different turn: the Mother Cross bearer and the Wehrmacht officer become opponents of the regime and conspirators. The worst thing for him: Germany's collapse. For her: the loss of her beloved husband. Nevertheless, Nina von Stauffenberg gives her Claus the freedom to do what he has to do. But this means that she will never see him again after 20 July 1944 and will lose everything



*Rosa & Leo*, the emotional and gripping historical novel from Charlotte Roth about Rosa Luxemburg and Leo Jogiches has already been sold to France (Editions Robert Laffont).

## Upmarket Historical Novel



### Charlotte Roth *The Wintergarten Woman* *Hope Lives*

Droemer Verlag, December 2024  
400 p.

#### *The Wintergarten Woman - Hope Lives*

With the historical novel *Die Hoffnung lebt*, bestselling author Charlotte Roth concludes her trilogy about the Wunderweiber and the Wintergarten variety theatre. *The Wintergarten Women* dramatically and opulently brings to life a time of contrasts - from the glamour of the Golden 20s with champagne and dancing the night away to the dark abyss of National Socialism. But in the end: hope remains! In dark times, three artists bring light into the darkness.

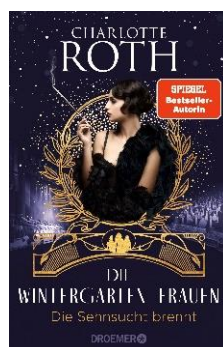
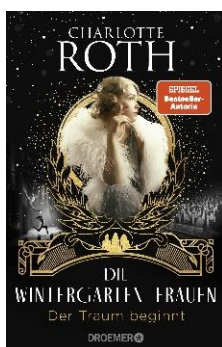
Berlin, 1933: Hitler's rise to power threatens to bring the Wintergarten to an abrupt end. For the city's most famous cabaret is not only the stage for prodigies and the best artists of their time - it also offers refuge to those who fight the Nazis with all their might.

Intendant Nina von Veltheim is once again faced with the dangerous task of protecting her family and friends. But she has not reckoned with the fact that Sonia Spielmann - Nina's best friend alongside the 'snake woman' Jenny Alomis - has simply gone into hiding. Sonia is a highly talented artist who designs all of the variety theatre's programmes, bringing pictures to life in her hands. However, as a woman of Jewish origin, she has little chance of surviving on her own. Moreover, Nina and Jenny cannot understand how Sonia could simply leave her young daughter Eva behind.

In their search for their friend, the wonder women not only expose themselves to deadly dangers, but also discover a secret that will jeopardise their future.

Dazzling nights and dark days: the gripping historical novel series set in Berlin in the 1920s and 1930s.

#### *The Wintergarten Women* – Volume 1 and 2



## Marie Sand



Marie Sand is Gabriele Borgmann's pseudonym. She studied art history, worked in newspaper editorial offices, and was involved for many years in a political foundation for the realization of human rights in South Asia. Since 2009, she has been advising nonfiction authors on concept and style while writing her first novel about a quiet heroine. It is the start of a series.

Her quiet heroines can be found through all eras and cultures. What they have in common is an indestructible core in their hearts. They remain true to themselves, growing in an almost defiant way in the face of danger. Such heroines step forward on the stage of life at the decisive moment and master the circumstances. The motif is love. It is loyalty. And it is the determination to remain confident, even when life is about to go off the rails.

Marie Sand lives and works in Berlin.

Stories of secret heroines:



**Upmarket Novel****Marie Sand**  
***And Beautiful Again Tomorrow***

Droemer Verlag, September 2024  
304 p.

***And Beautiful Again Tomorrow***

Marie Sand writes about women who act out of love for life: Her secret heroines are not interested in recognition. They simply endeavour to make the world a little better every day.

The story of a hairdresser who wants to shake up the fashion world in Paris - and ends up reinventing the formula for beauty in her small shop in Berlin.

When Amanda arrives in Paris with her sketchbook in her waistband, she only wants one thing: to meet Karl Lagerfeld and draw hairstyles for him. But it doesn't seem to be as easy as Amanda, who has fled her mother's small hairdressing salon in the Eifel region, imagined. The road is rocky and long - and yet, as a talented hairdresser, she becomes the favourite of high society in the 1970s high society favourite when she gave Françoise Hardy her quirky fringes and thus shaped the look of an entire generation. But at the height of her success, her friend falls ill with breast cancer.

Amanda realises what losing her hair during chemotherapy does to women. She makes a decision that she will later say: "I would have missed out on something in my life if I hadn't done this work."

An important novel full of compassion, with a hopeful view of the future.

## Nicole Staudinger



Nicole Staudinger was 32-years-old when she decided to become self-employed with her seminar idea for „Quick-Wittedness for Women“. A few weeks after a successful start, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. An enormous blow for the mother of two. In the midst of her chemotherapy, she started writing and landed on the Spiegel bestseller list with her debut book, *Brüste umstände halber abzugeben*. Just one year later her second book, *Schlagfertigkeitsqueen*, appeared. At the same time she started doing her seminars again, showing women in a humorous way that they need never be speechless again.

Bestsellers by Nicole Staudinger (selection)

*Stehaufqueen* has already been sold to Korea (Galmaenam Publishing Co.), Spain (OBelisco)



## Non Fiction Personal Development, Coaching



### Nicole Staudinger *Almost finished Just have to get started*

Knaur Verlag, September 2024  
208 p.  
Direct entry #7 in the Spiegel bestseller list

Nicole Staudinger is the author of many bestsellers and knows what is possible when you overcome your inner bastard. She has fought her way back from cancer and has run the half marathon distance several times, although she always considered herself unathletic.

With this personal, entertaining and practical book, she helps us to finally start realising a fulfilled and self-determined life.

Tax returns, weeding, tidying the cellar: most people like to put off unpleasant tasks. As a result, we often lack the inner drive to do the things that we enjoy doing and that enrich our lives. How can we manage what we have to do and make time for what we really want to do?

Trainer, coach and bestselling author Nicole Staudinger tells us:

how we can get the things on our "I have to" list done in a relaxed and motivated way,  
how we can find out what to put on our "I want" list,  
and how to do both with conviction and joy

Stop feeling overwhelmed - get motivated

The longer we leave important things undone, the more we feel overwhelmed and externally determined. Trainer and bestselling author Nicole Staudinger knows this feeling from her own experience.

In her latest guide, she shares her best strategies for overcoming procrastination once and for all: by developing new habits and doing what we need to do in order to finally free our minds for what we want.

Self-motivation made easy.



## Michael Tsokos

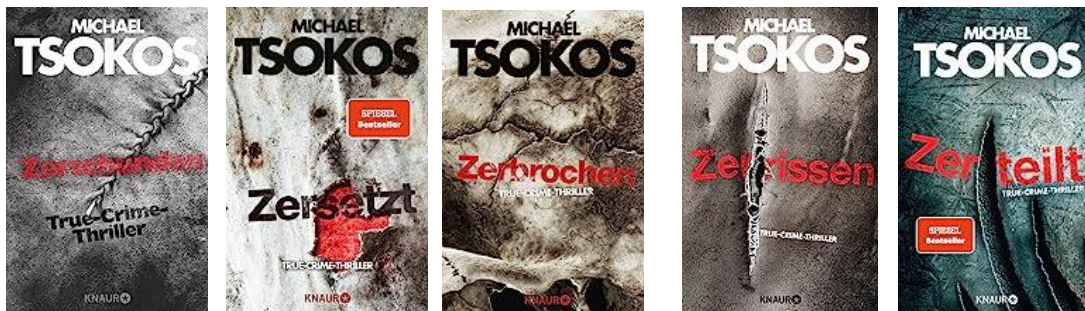


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For over 20 years, he has been particularly committed to clinical forensic medicine, especially in cases of child abuse. Michael Tsokos is, among other things, the recipient of the Scientific Prize from the German Society for Legal Medicine and the ambassador for the German Children's Association.

### The Fred Abel Series:

*Zerschunden* has already been sold to: Italy (Europa Edizioni - imprint Lastaria Edizioni), Poland (Amber), Spain (Algaída), Greece (Livanis), Turkey (Pegasus) and *Zersetzt* to Poland (Amber)

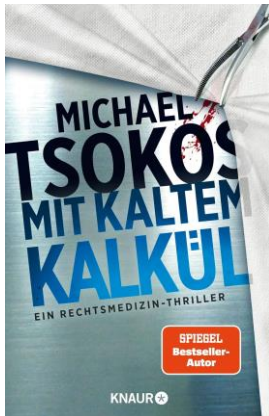


### The Paul Herzfeld Series:

*Abgeschlagen* has already been sold to Greece (Livanis)



## True Crime Thriller Series



### Michael Tsokos *With Cold Calculation* Sabine Yao's 2nd case

Droemer Knaur, September 2025

352 p.

Direct entry #1 in the Spiegel bestseller list (5 weeks to date)

### *With Cold Calculation*

In the true crime thriller *Mit kaltem Kalkül* Germany's best-known forensic scientist Michael Tsokos also draws on numerous authentic cases. He allows readers to experience the work at the dissection table at first hand with in-depth insights into forensics.

Sabine Yao solves her second case - goosebump-inducing true crime with the likeable forensic scientist

A race against time and for the life of a missing child:

The 'Extreme Crime' special unit led by Dr Sabine Yao is once again investigating unusual deaths: Two dead bodies wrapped in black velvet dresses and bizarrely disfigured, hanging from a frame in the woods, are just as puzzling as a crime scene in a housing estate where a dead man lies among children's toys, fetish-like paraphernalia and wigs.

None of the investigators know yet that the Jordanian ex-intelligence agent Khalaf is searching under high pressure for the missing eight-year-old Yasser. The residents of the Neukölln High-Deck neighbourhood trust him more than the police. Khalaf discovers that Yasser is not the first child to disappear from the estate - and that there is something horrific behind this case.

When a child's body is found, Sabine Yao begins to realise that, far from the visible structures of Berlin, there is an urban shadow society that barely allows a glimpse behind the scenes. But investigator Monica Monti, head of the fourth homicide squad of the Berlin LKA, doesn't care what reason dictates or what everyone else thinks. She follows her instincts ...

**The Sabine Yao Series:** Already been sold to Poland (Skarpa Warszawska)



## True Crime, Memoir



### Michael Tsokos *Tracing Death* The Real CSI

Ullstein Buchverlage, 2009, Droemer September 2024  
272 p.  
New Publication

#### *Tracing Death*

A charred skeleton on the backseat of a burnt-out car, a waterlogged corpse dressed in nineteenth-century clothing, and a scantily dressed man found dead in the freezing cold. Michael Tsokos presents twelve unexplained deaths, all drawn from his own experience as Germany's top forensic scientist. While discussing the cases, he introduces the reader to the basics of forensics, explaining a range of methods and techniques, describing the nature of multiple trauma, and setting out the differences between suicide and murder.

A highly informative book that reads like a thriller.

Further popular science non-fiction books:



## Michael Tsokos



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## Florian Schwiecker



Florian Schwiecker was born in Kiel in 1972 and worked for many years in Berlin as a criminal defense attorney. The idea for his first thriller *Betrayal* was born during his work for an international business enterprise in the USA. Florian Schwiecker also regularly recommends crime thrillers in his thriller column on [freundin.de](http://freundin.de).

- More than 6.200 ratings on *amazon.de* with an average of 4,3 stars
- More than 760 ratings on *lovelybooks* with an average of 4,2 stars
- More than 1.600 ratings on *goodreads* with an average of 3,6 stars
  
- *“Florian Schwiecker succeeds in making the tension literally "explode" from the very first page, can maintain this level throughout and finally comes up with a brilliant finale. His writing style is fluid and easy to read, yet extremely captivating and atmospherically dense”* **Reader testimonial on Amazon**
  
- *“Schwiecker and Tsokos create an interesting, multi-layered work that rightly bears the subtitle "justice thriller".”* **Book Blog (KrimiLese)**

## Justice Crime Thriller Series



**Michael Tsokos**  
**Florian Schwiecker**  
***The 1st Patient***  
 Eberhardt & Jarmer Series Volume 4

Knaur Verlag, June 2024  
 320 p.  
 Direct entry #6 in the Spiegel bestseller list

### *The 1st Patient*

A doctor on trial - and KI system under suspicion: *The 1st Patient* is the 4th justice thriller by bestselling authors Florian Schwiecker and Michael Tsokos, who provide exclusive insider insights into the medicine of the future, the justice system and forensic medicine. Florian Schwiecker is also an expert in the field of medical KI and gives lectures at specialist medical events on the pros and cons of artificial intelligence in medicine.

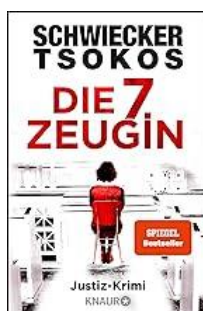
The new case of Berlin criminal defense lawyer Rocco Eberhardt is causing heated debates in the media:

A routine operation performed by chief physician Dr. Sasha Müller ends fatally for the patient. After the autopsy, forensic pathologist Justus Jarmer comes to the clear conclusion that there has been a treatment error. The public prosecutor then charges Dr. Müller with negligent homicide. However, the doctor was assisted by an KI system during the procedure ...

As the case continues to boil over in public, Rocco Eberhardt, who is representing Sasha Müller in court, asks a legitimate question: shouldn't the AI be in the dock instead of his client - or even the developer?

**Justice Crime bestselling series** – Eberhardt and Jarmer series – Volume 1 to 3:

*Die 7. Zeugin* has already been sold to Slovakia (Tatran), Greece (Livanis)



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